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Title : DIRECT SERVER-ACCESSING PRINTER AND CONTROL METHOD
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Before examining the referenced application on the merits, please amend the
application as outlined below:

In the Claims:

Claim 2, line 1, please delete "A" and replace with "The".

Claim 3, line 1, please delete "A" and replace with "The".

Claim 4, line 1, please delete "or claim 3".

Claim 4, line 1, please delete "A" and replace with "The".

Claim 5, line 1, please delete "A" and replace with "The".

Claim 7, line 1, please delete "A" and replace with "The".

Claim 8, line 1, please delete "A" and replace with "The".

Claim 9, line 1, please delete "or claim 8".

Claim 9, line 1, please delete "A" and replace with "The".

Please add the following new claims: